

## MAIZE LIONS CLUB



### COMMUNITY SUGGESTIONS IN RESPONSE TO JULY 2014 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

<b>RECREATION RELATED (PARK / LIBRARY / POOL)</b>	
Put baby swings in the park	We are partnering with the Maize Tree and Park Board's (MT&PB) to do this. Recommendations will be presented to City council in early 2015 for approval and allocation of funding.
Build a water park	City plans are in progress to build a "Splash Pad" in the city park.
Find bigger and better park location	On the MT&PB agenda for possible addition to its long range plans.
Build a public pool	This would require a tax increase and the City is committed to avoiding raising taxes.
Build a public library	A portion of property taxes are distributed to USD266 for the purpose of making school libraries open to the public. Efforts are underway to determine what procedures can be implemented to fulfill this obligation.
Establish programs at library and pool	This is not feasible unless or until a pool and/or library access are available.
<b>FIREWORKS RELATED</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring back city fireworks shoot-off display</li> <li>• Establish designated shoot-off area</li> <li>• Ban fireworks in residential areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City staff advises that resources are not available to host a fireworks shoot-off display.</li> <li>• The city is open to the idea of a designated public shoot-off area if an adequate location can be found. Suggestions are welcome.</li> <li>• The city will continue following code regarding the discharging of fireworks in residential areas.</li> </ul>
<b>BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITY BONDS WITH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	
Have annual ice cream social, watermelon feed, bingo, and movies and concerts in the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts A-maize will host noon concerts in the city park as well as movies and live music at New Market Square.</li> <li>• Maize Recreation Center will host an ice-cream social in late summer and a family bingo night in late spring.</li> <li>• Redemption Church will host movies and game nights in Feb</li> </ul>
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT / CITY APPEARANCE</b>	
Improve the appearance of residences and businesses on Maize Road and on 53 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Those which relate to code enforcement have been deferred to City staff. Those which relate to overall improvement of city appearances on Maize Road have been deferred to the MT&PB to consider adding to the Maize Road Beautification program.
<b>DEVELOP A TOWN SQUARE / CITY LANDMARK</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a town square</li> <li>• Replace the city landmark missing from Park and 53<sup>rd</sup> St.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no immediate plans for this, however, the city is open to the idea of doing this in the future.</li> <li>• The landmark was removed by city staff because it was broken. They are exploring the idea of designing a new artistic landmark. Suggestions from residents are most welcome.</li> </ul>
<b>SENIOR CITIZEN RELATED</b>	

Provide a facility and activities for senior citizens (a senior center, provide reduced cost meals, activities; and transportation to doctors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building a senior center at this time is not financially feasible; however, the Community Building is open for use when it's not scheduled for other events.</li> <li>• The Young at Heart in Maize provides opportunities for seniors to enjoy meals and a variety of activities.</li> <li>• The winter 2015 Program for activities available through the Maize Recreation Center has several new activities added for seniors.</li> <li>• The United Way has a program available for those in need of transportation for doctor appointments.</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>	
Bring back Christmas street lights and city Christmas tree	We are partnering with City staff and the MT&PB to see what can be accomplished in the short term as well as during future holiday seasons.
Start a farmers' market at 45 <sup>th</sup> and Maize Road	Those desiring the convenience of having a market closer in proximity than the one located at 21 <sup>st</sup> and Ridge are welcome to pursue this.
Install Sidewalks on 45 <sup>th</sup> and between Maize and Tyler	City action has been taken to apply for a grant to obtain funding for a bicycle / pedestrian path on 45 <sup>th</sup> between 119 <sup>th</sup> west to 1/2 mile east of Maize Road.
Community Building Storm shelter is in need of repair	City staff has inspected the conditions and are committed to making the necessary repairs in the near future.
Build school bus shelters where most needed	We are in contact with USD266 to determine if the need exists and where shelters would be best suited.

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